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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 10, 2008, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.